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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GALLAGHER AND DYKES ARRIVAL ATHENS

REF: BEIRUT 1769

1. GALLAGHER AND DYKES ARRIVED SAFELY MID-AFTERNOON TODAY IN ATHENS WHERE THEY WERE REUNITED WITH FAMILIES.

2. TELEVISION TEAM ABOARD AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTING GALLAGHER AND DYKES FROM BEIRUT TO ATHENS FILMED THEM DURING FLIGHT AND ON DISBOARDING, WHERE LOCAL CBS AND AP TEAMS JOINED GROUP. AP REPORTERS TALKED TO GALLAGHER DURING FLIGHT BUT HE LIMITED STATEMENT TO LEVEL OF PLEASANTRIES.

3. A HANDFUL OF GREEK AND FOREIGN REPORTERS APPEARED AT AIRPORT TO JOIN CBS AND AP ON BUS RIDE FROM PLANE TO CAR. ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION BY A GREEK REPORTER, GALLAGHER PARAPHRASED STATEMENT DESCRIBED EARLIER.

4. CBS AND AP AGAIN JOINED GALLAGHER AND DYKES AT BONA VISTA HOTEL WHERE BEIRUT PAO DICK CURTISS, AND GREEK PRESS ADVISOR FOR

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USIS FENDED OFF FURTHER QUESTIONING AND CAMERAWORK.

5. FAMILIES WENT INTO SECULSION IN LATE AFTERNOON, BUT CBS
AND AP CHOSE TO REMAIN AT HOTEL IN CASE THEY REEMERGED.
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